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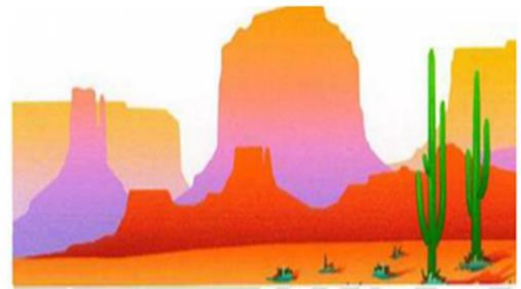
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SONS OF NORWAY

Desert Fjord Lodge



President's Column

The Nordic spirit is alive and well here in the Valley! What a wonderful celebration for Syttende Mai in the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park ... the parade was great, the speeches were good, the food was delicious and the weather cooperated, too. Long time member of Desert Fjord Lodge, John Lovell (95 years old!) was there—good to see you, John! Over a hundred attendees, including Royal Norwegian Air Force pilots and ground crew in training at Luke Air Force Base. Many thanks to Norwegians Worldwide who helped Sons of Norway lodges host this event!

What does the summer hold? Look below and join us as you're able. I know many of us travel and go away over all or part of the

summer. Please know that you're welcome at all of our functions. Bring a friend or neighbor or spouse ... they might just get involved and have a good time with us!



Much credit to Ross Berg, we had a great Genealogy Meeting with a presentation by Kristian Ekenes whose website www.norwayparishes.com is used by many. Many surprises are right around the corner—may you have an awesome summer!

Velkommen

Mark your Calendar for our Amazing Summer Events!

JUNE: June 11th at 2 pm we meet at 2531 N Scottsdale Rd. A great movie for adults & children along with beverages & pop corn and, of course, our annual ice cream social. *(see next page for details on this family outing)*

JULY: There will be no formal lodge function during the month of July this year.

AUGUST: Aug 13th 12 noon to 4 pm we're invited to the beautiful home of Jan & Sherrie Loomis - 1072 E Highline Drive in Payson. Brats, burgers & beverages provided. Bring a salad or dessert to share at "Picnic in the Pines".

Please **RSVP (480) 786-4232**



Sunday, June 11 at 2 pm

Cultural and Heritage Meeting!

2531 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ

For children (\$3) and adults (\$6) ... popcorn, ice cream and beverages. Reservations are needed (we need to ensure we buy the right amount of ice cream). Please register online (**click online**) or you may email or call Berit Miltun:

ankerm@yahoo.com or (480) 966-2009

Siblings are Forever (Søsken til evig tid)

Movie Overview: The siblings Magnar and Oddny Kleiva have led their entire lives working on their small family farm in the valley of Naustdal, Sogn og Fjordane county, Norway. In a country where living standards have skyrocketed during the last decades, the brother and sister still lead a slow paced working life, close to nature and what they find most important in life.

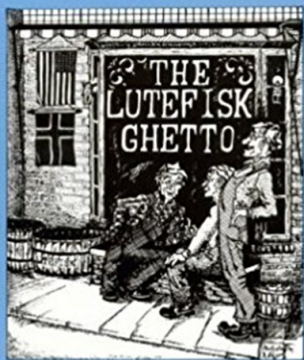


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There is no **Business Meeting** or **Genealogy Meeting** in June. Our next meetings will be announced. Stay tuned!

The LUTefisk Ghetto

Life in a Norwegian-American Town



by Art Lee

Adventure

JUNE 11th—VIKING BOOK AND WINE CLUB

After our Cultural and Heritage Meeting, we'll meet at 3:30 at the VFW lodge to discuss "The Lutefisk Ghetto".

Lutefisk Ghetto: Life in a Norwegian American Town

by Art Lee

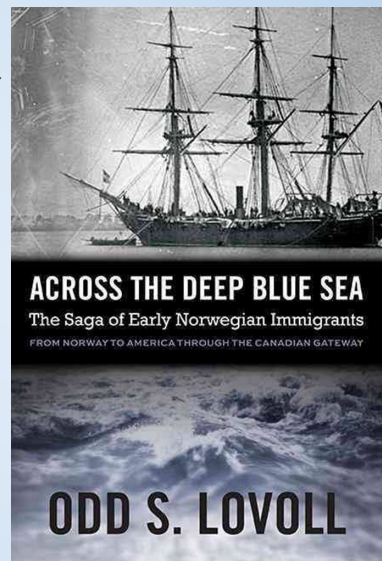
It began as a project to educate students about life in a small town at the end of World War II; it turned into a popular Scandinavian-American book! The Lutefisk Ghetto is a funny, enlightening account of life in 1945 Scandinavia, Wisconsin.

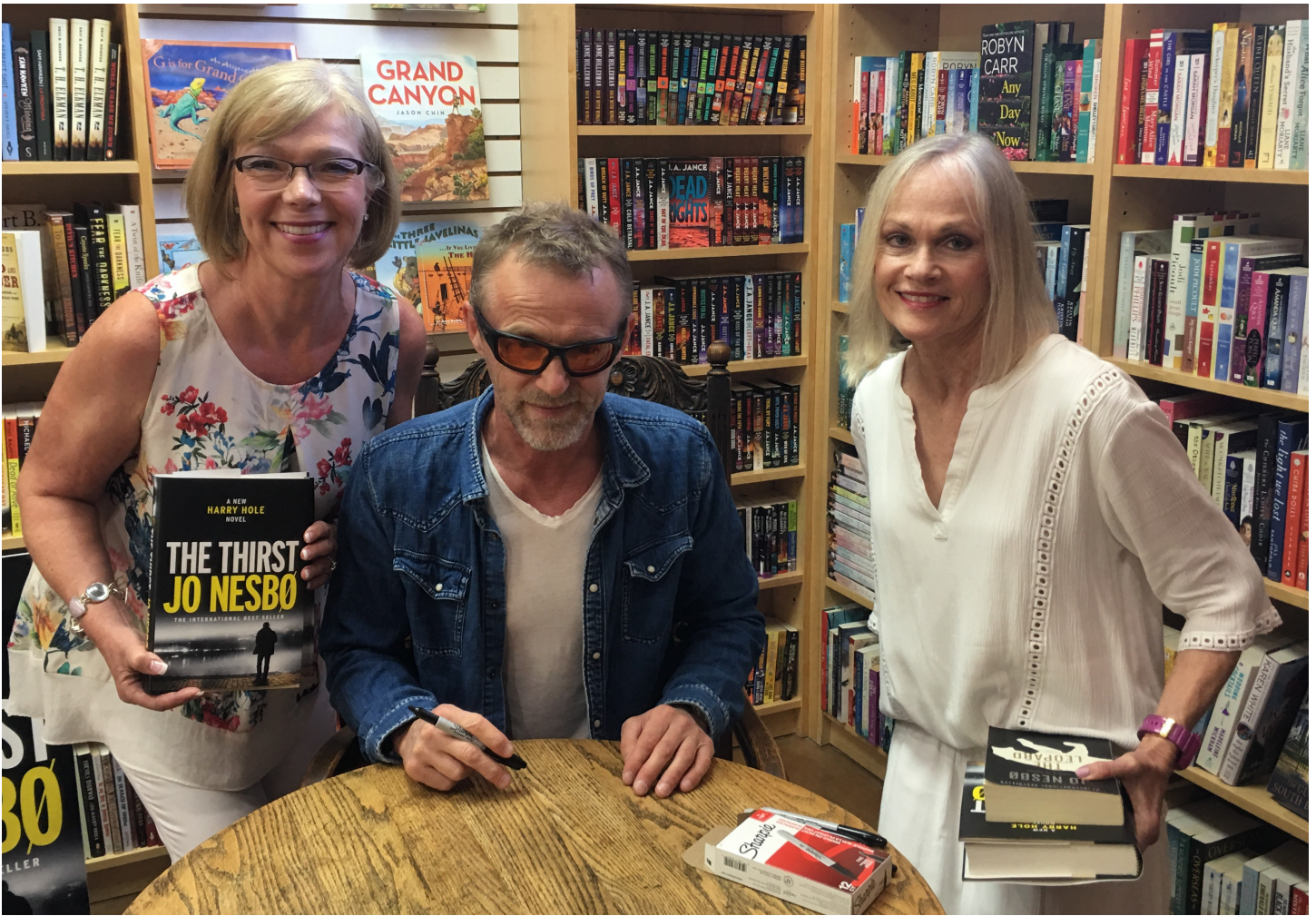
SUMMER BOOK for

VIKING BOOK AND WINE CLUB:

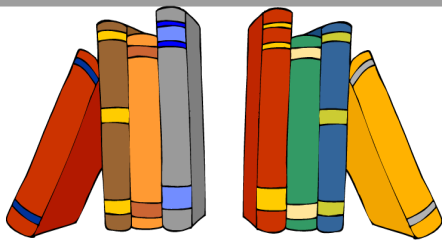
ACROSS THE DEEP BLUE SEA investigates a chapter in Norwegian immigration history that has never been fully told before. Odd S. Lovoll relates how Quebec,

Montreal, and other port cities in Canada became the gateway for Norwegian emigrants to North America, replacing New York as the main destination from 1850 until the late 1860s. During those years, 94 percent of Norwegian emigrants landed in Canada. After the introduction of free trade, Norwegian sailing ships engaged in the lucrative timber trade between Canada & Great Britain. Ships carried timber one way across the Atlantic and emigrants on the way west. For the vast majority landing in Canadian port cities, Canada became a corridor to their final destinations in the Upper Midwest, primarily Wisconsin and Minnesota. Lovoll explains the establishment and failure of Norwegian colonies in Quebec Province and pays due attention to the tragic fate of the Gaspé settlement. A personal story of the emigrant experience passed down as family lore is retold here, supported by extensive research. The journey south and settlement in the Upper Midwest completes a highly human narrative of the travails, endurance, failures, and successes of people who sought a better life in a new land.





Jo Nesbø, prolific Norwegian author of crime fiction, mystery fiction and children’s books, recently appeared at the **Poisoned Pen** in Scottsdale for an interview promoting his latest book “The Thirst”. Several of our lodge members were able to attend, including Nina Poe and Jana Peterson pictured here.



LIBRARY CORNER

By Arlys Medicott

Librarian

Current movies show an interest in World War II. Many of our books deal with Norway's involvement in that time period. Please review these and read if you have not done so.

WORLD WAR II BOOKS

- Out Stealing Horses
- Folklore Fights of the Naz
- Little Norway I
- Reckless Courage
- Sea Dog Base
- Shadow Mountain
- Six Million Paperclips
- The Shetland Bus
- We Die Alone

I also went to a book-signing for Jo Nesbø, well known Norwegian mystery writer, but didn’t hear much of this presentation due to the crowd. If you have any Jo Nesbø books to donate to our library, that would be great.

I didn’t hear of any interest in Laurine Snelling books; she writes about the Norwegian emigration to the Midwest.

Summer Birthdays



JUNE

Dawn Walter 7
 Lorelei R Knorr 8
 Roger Haugen 11
 Russell D Cook 12
 Kim McLaughlin 12
 Shirley Ann Ouren 14
 Helen Ann Barbier 18
 Martha Ann Frampton 22
 Roger D Westland 26
 Kaitlyn D Shippey 27

JULY

Ella A Brovitz 7
 Corinne R Parrish 7
 Lynn S Kolstad 8
 Ronald D Orson 8
 Crystal L Williams 10
 Nina Poe 12
 B A Gro Holmer-Hoven 15
 Nellie Mae Lokken 15
 Lois Ripley 15
 Sherrie L Loomis 25
 Dorothy M Williams 25
 Barbara McLaughlin 27
 William R Jacobson 28
 Howard O Barikmo 31

AUGUST

Judy Elisen 5
 L Roger Espeland 6
 R Richard Erickson 10
 Anita Thompson 11
 Georgiann C Crouse 18
 Don Miles 18
 Diane Osby Peterson 18
 Gordon Peterson 20
 Elaine V Zgodowska 20
 Anissa Kari Eeg 21
 Marilyn D Olson 21



Gratulerer Med Dagen



It's Growing Season!

This time of year, the gardens and crops are growing. They need to be watered, fertilized, weeded and harvested. Plants need protection from forces of nature, hail, pests and wind to name a few.

Money is the same in some regards. It needs to be placed somewhere for growth, a safe location or a risky place can make a difference in its overall performance. It may need to be moved to gain safety or better growth. Properly placed, no fees or charges would be paid ... maximizing the overall growth.

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS by Floyd Downs, Membership Secretary



Recently I received word that Paul Wold's membership had lapsed due to nonpayment of dues to SON Headquarters. Now Paul was a founding member of Desert Fjord Lodge. At his birthday in

April, Paul turned to the ripe age of 99 years (Congratulations, Paul!!!). Assuming that Paul may be somewhat forgetful, our Membership Retainment Fund promptly paid his dues, so now Paul Wold remains on our Membership Rolls. (Cheers for Paul!!)

We also have a new member of our lodge, Jason Semone. Since Jason joined through SON Headquarters just before the May lodge meeting, no one has met him, as far as I know. Hopefully Jason will attend the June "Ice Cream Social" meeting on June 11th, so we'll all get to welcome him to our lodge.

To all members receiving news from SON-Minneapolis that dues payment is coming due in 2017, be sure to make renewal payment promptly, but especially before December 31st. That's because on January 1, 2018 the dues structure changes. The membership fee for an individual, now \$52.50, rises to \$60, and the spousal fee, currently \$40.50, will be included in the new category of Family Membership

with a fee of \$95.

This will include the individual member, spouse and other family members. Thus, the current "family fee" totaling \$93 will see a small rise to \$95. Details as to how monies will be disbursed to our lodge from SON-Minneapolis will come at a later date.

Please keep spreading the news of the benefits of Sons of Norway via Desert Fjord membership to all those of Scandinavian heritage. Yes, we accept the Swedes, the Finns, and any other friendly folk who wish to join with us.

As I've mentioned previously, keeping our own databases current is an ongoing challenge, especially if members do not report changes directly to us or when some of their incoming email messages are deleted or allocated to spam. This includes telephone number changes. I've heard that some phone numbers as currently listed in the SON membership roster are no longer valid. A similar reminder pertains to postal addresses. Please let us know of any changes so that we can maintain effective communication with you.

I can be contacted in person at a Desert Fjord monthly meeting, by email at lenci.downs@cox.net or by phone at (480) 816-3875.





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